Attorney Docket No. 047434.66

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Takashi Nagase, et al.

Examiner:

Michael Aboagye

Serial No.:

10/785,152

Art Unit:

1725

Filed:

February 24, 2004

Confirmation No.: 8157

Title:

Soldering Iron Tip and Method of Manufacturing Same

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REQUEST FOR REFUND

Dear Sir or Madam:

Applicants respectfully request a refund for the entire fee of \$1,020 that was charged by the Office against Deposit Account No. 07-1850 in connectoin with the paper filed May 3, 2007 (Response to Restriction Requirement). Applicants have attached copies of the Sales Receipt issued by the Office (see Exhibit A) and the paper filed May 3, 2007 (see Exhibit B). A Deposit Account Statement containing the charges applied to Deposit Account No. 07-1850 regarding the relevant filing for our docket number 47434.66 on May 7, 2007 is also attached (see Exhibit C, page 2).

I. Full Refund

As indicated on the attached paper filed May 3, 2007 (Exhibit B), the examiner issued an office action (Restriction Requirement mailed January 25, 2007) with an error, namely a requirement to elect from among claims no longer pending in the application. Applicants informed the examiner of the error by telephone within one month of the office action. Although the examiner stated that a corrected office action would be issued, a corrected office action did not appear forthcoming. Applicants filed a written response via the paper filed May 3, 2007 in order to avoid abandonment of the application. Thereafter, the examiner issued a corrected office action (Restriction Requirement dated May 9, 2007), which set a new time period for reply and in which it is stated at paragraph 1 that the "Prior restriction requiremment mailed January 25, 2007, withdrawn." A copy of the corrected office action is attached for reference (see Exhibit D). Applicant's response to the corrected office action was timely filed on June 7, 2007. SANFRANCISCO/227690.1

For the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully request a refund of \$1,020.00 via a credit to Deposit Account No. 07-1850.

II. Partial Refund due to Small Entity Status

If the Office decides not to refund the entire \$1,020.00 that was charged, Applicants respectfully request a refund of \$510.00 via a credit to Deposit Account No. 07-1850. The Assignee of this application is a small entity and is entitled to pay small entity fees. Applicants claimed small entity status at box 2 of the Utility Patent Application Transmittal filed February 24, 2004, of which an annotated copy is enclosed for reference (see Exhibit E). There has been no change in status from small entity to large entity.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned attorney with any comments or questions.

Date: March 31, 2008

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EXHIBIT A

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EXHIBIT B

PATENT

Docket No.: 47434-00066

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In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 10/785,152

Filed: February 24, 2004

For: SOLDERING IRON TIP AND METHOD OF

MANUFACTURING SAME

Group Art Unit: 1725

Examiner: Michael Aboagye

Confirmation No.: 8157

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action of January 25, 2007.

Due to errors in the Office Action, Applicants are unable to make an election. In the Office Action, Examiner Aboagye has required a restriction to claims which are not pending in the application.

Applicants request correction of the errors in the Office Action of January 25, 2007.

If a new restriction requirement is issued, Applicants request the Office to restart the previously set period of reply to run from the date the error is corrected or the date of remailing of the Office Action, as provided under MPEP 710.06. As indicated below, the error in the

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PATENT

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Office Action of January 25, 2007 was brought to the attention of the Office on February 4, 2007, within 1 month of the mail date of the Office Action.

On February 24, 2004, Applicants filed the instant continuation application concurrently with a preliminary amendment, which cancelled claims 1-98 and added new claims 99-150. Accordingly, claims 99-150 are pending in the application as of February 24, 2004.

On January 25, 2007, Examiner Aboagye issued an Office Action requiring a restriction to either claims 1-44 or claims 45-98, all of which were previously cancelled. In addition, the Office Action Summary incorrectly states that claims 1-98 are pending.

On February 4, 2007, a telephone message was left for Examiner Aboagye regarding the error. On March 29, 2007, Examiner Aboagye indicated that another Office Action will be issued. However, another Office Action has not been issued to date.

Applicants believe no fee is required to accompany the filing of this paper. However, if in fact a fee is due to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge and deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 07-1850.

Respectfully submitted,

Date:

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EXHIBIT C

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The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

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	10/785,152	NAGASE ET AL.
Office Action Summary	Examiner	Art Unit
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Prior restriction requirement mailed on January 25, 2007, withdrawn.

Election/Restrictions

- 2. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 99-136, drawn to a method of making a soldering tip, classified in class 228, subclass 51.
 - II. Claims 137-150, drawn to a soldering tip classified in class 219, subclass229.
- 3. Inventions I and II are related as process of making and product made. The inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process (MPEP § 806.05(f)). A product defined by the process by which it can be made is still a product claim (In re Bridgeford, 357 F.2d 679, 149 USPQ 55 (CCPA 1966)) and can be restricted from the process if examiner can demonstrate that the product as claimed can be made by another materially different process. In the instant case, the product of the invention II can be made by materially different process such as electroplating the tip with a metal coating.

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- 4. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.
- 5. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).
- 6. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).
- 7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Aboagye whose telephone number is 571-272-8165. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon Fri 8:30am 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patrick Ryan can be reached on 571-272-1292. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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